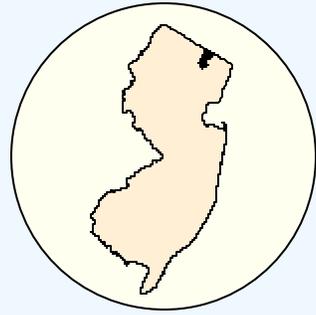
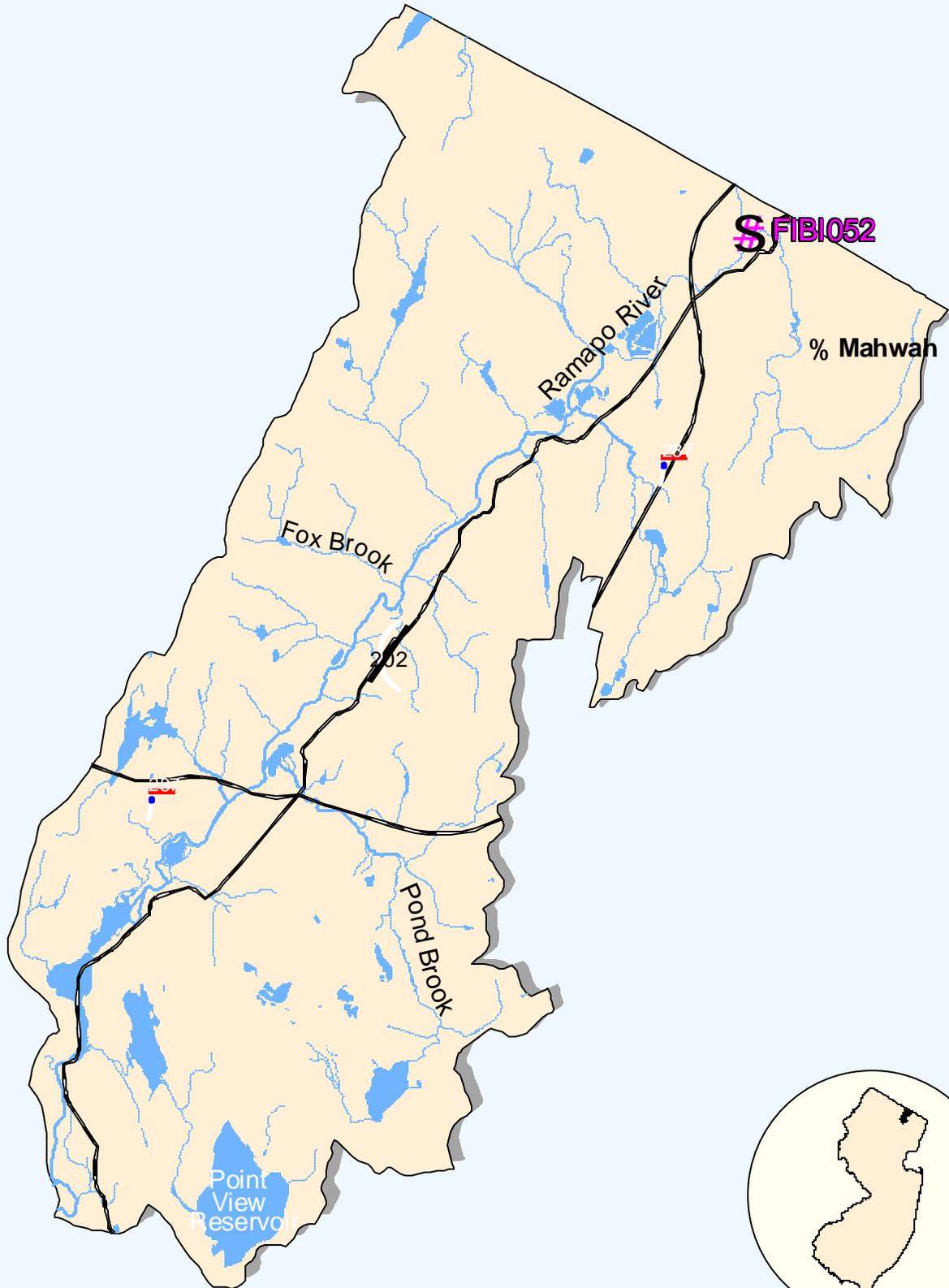
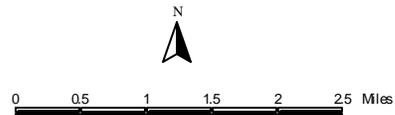


# Ramapo River - FIBI052



- S** FIBI Sampling Location
- Small Streams (1st and 2nd Order)
- Large Streams (3rd Order and Above)



FIBI052

RAMAPO RIVER

Catherine Avenue

W. Mahwah Township, Bergen County



**LEGEND**

- Start #
- Finish #
- Segment Sampled —
- Direction of Flow (R)



# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## FIBI052 - Ramapo River



|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Stream Name:                              | Ramapo River   |
| 2. Sampling Date:                            | 08-22-2002   |
| 3. Sampling Location:                        | End of Catherine (41 06 16.64; -74 09 22.02)                   |
| 4. Municipality:                             | West Mahwah Twp.   |
| 5. County:                                   | Bergen   |
| 6. Watershed Management Area:                | 3  |
| 7. Contributing Drainage Area:               | 91 Square Miles  |
| 8. Electrofishing Gear:                      | 2 Backpack   |
| 9. FIBI Score and Rating:                    | 38 - Good  |
| 10. Habitat Score and Rating:                | 141 - Suboptimal   |
| 11. Fishable Species Present:                | Yes  |
| 12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data |  |
| Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:  | 0.72 mi upstream AN0266  |
| AMNET Rating:                                | Round 1 – MODERATE; Round 2 – NONE                             |
| 13. Stream Chemistries                       |  |
| Dissolved Oxygen:                            | 9.3 mg/L   |
| Temperature:                                 | 22.3 °C  |
| pH:  | 8.6  |
| Conductivity:                                | 604 µmhos/cm   |
| 14. Number of Fish with Anomalies:           | 1  |
| 15. Length of Stream Segment Sampled:        | 150 Meters   |
| 16. Water Clarity:                           | Turbid   |
| 17. Average Open Forest Canopy:              | 42%  |
| 18. Discharge:                               | 63 ft. <sup>3</sup> /sec                                       |
| 19. Substrate:                               | 40% Gravel and Sand, 50% Cobble, 10% Boulder, 0% Clay, 0% Silt |
| 20. Habitat:                                 | 25% Riffle, 30% Run, 45% Pool                                  |
| 21. Snags:                                   | Yes  |
| 22. Periphyton:                              | None   |
| 23. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:            | No   |
| 24. Other Observations:                      | electric transfer station upstream                             |
| 25. Number of Fish Species Identified:       | 15   |
| 26. Total Number of Fish Collected:          | 211  |

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# FIBI052 08-22-2002

Ramapo River

## LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND

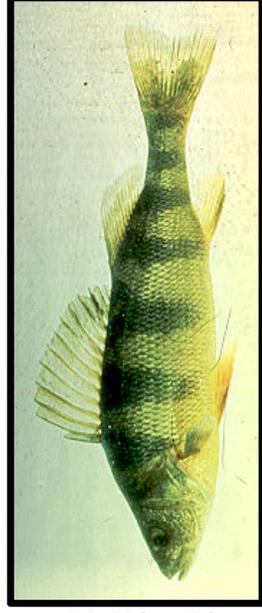
| COMMON NAME        | SCIENTIFIC NAME                | # FOUND | SIZE RANGE<br>(INCHES) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Tesselated Darter  | <i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>    | 64      |                        |
| Rock Bass*         | <i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>   | 31      | 1.4-7.5                |
| Green Sunfish*     | <i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>       | 29      | 2.6-5.3                |
| Redbreast Sunfish* | <i>Lepomis auritus</i>         | 21      | 1.2-3.7                |
| Cutlips Minnow     | <i>Exoglossum maxillingua</i>  | 17      |                        |
| Largemouth Bass*   | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>   | 10      | 1.8-7.1                |
| Common Shiner      | <i>Luxilus cornutus</i>        | 9       |                        |
| Spottail Shiner    | <i>Notropis hudsonius</i>      | 7       |                        |
| White Sucker*      | <i>Catostomus commersoni</i>   | 6       |                        |
| Creek Chub         | <i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i> | 5       |                        |
| Yellow Bullhead*   | <i>Ameiurus natalis</i>        | 5       | 2.2-5.9                |
| Pumpkinseed*       | <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>        | 3       | 3.3-3.7                |
| Smallmouth Bass*   | <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>    | 2       | 2.2-2.4                |
| Bluegill*          | <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>     | 1       | 3.9                    |
| Yellow Perch*      | <i>Perca flavescens</i>        | 1       | 5.3                    |

\* Regulated as a fishable species under current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife codes

**Species Identified at Ramapo River (FIBI052)**  
(Not to Scale)



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**Largemouth Bass**

**Yellow Perch**



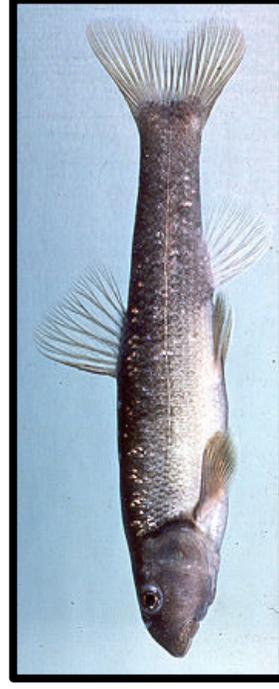
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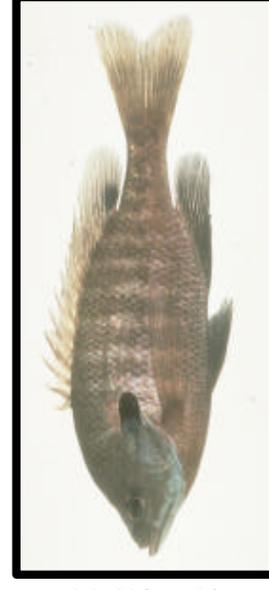
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**Creek Chub**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Cutlips Minnow**



John Scarola

**Bluegill**

**Species Identified at Ramapo River (FIBI052)**  
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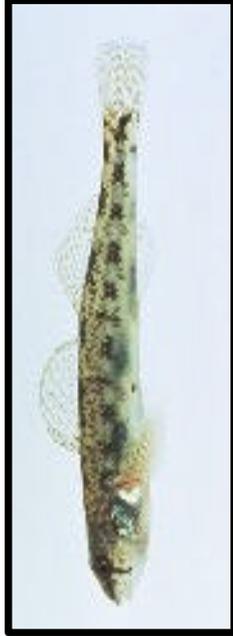
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John Scarola

**Pumpkinseed**

**Redbreast Sunfish**



John Scarola



Konrad Schmidt

**Tesselated Darter**

**Green Sunfish**



John Scarola



John Scarola

**Rock Bass**

**Common Shiner**

**Species Identified at Ramapo River (FIBI052)**  
(Not to Scale)



John Scarola

**Yellow Bullhead**



Konrad Schmidt

**Spottail Shiner**



John Scarola

**Smallmouth Bass**

**FIBI052 - Ramapo River @ End of Catharine**  
**Date Sampled - 8/22/2002**

Excellent **Good** Fair Poor

|  | <b>Score</b> |
|--|--------------|
| # of Fish Species  | 5            |
| # of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI)  | 3            |
| # of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie)   | 5            |
| # of Intolerant Species (IS)   | 3            |
| Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers   | 5            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish) | 5            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous <b>Cyprinids</b> (I and BI)   | 1            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Trout   |              |
| OR   |              |
| Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)*  | 3            |
| Number of Individuals in Sample  | 3            |
| Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)  | 5            |
| Total  | <b>38</b>    |

**Stream Rating**

**45-50      Excellent**  
**37-44      Good**  
**29-36      Fair**  
**10-28      Poor**

\*whichever gives better score

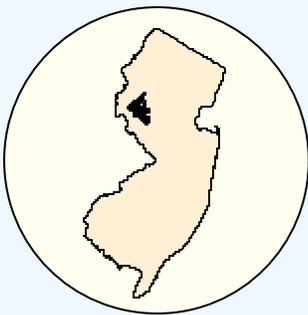
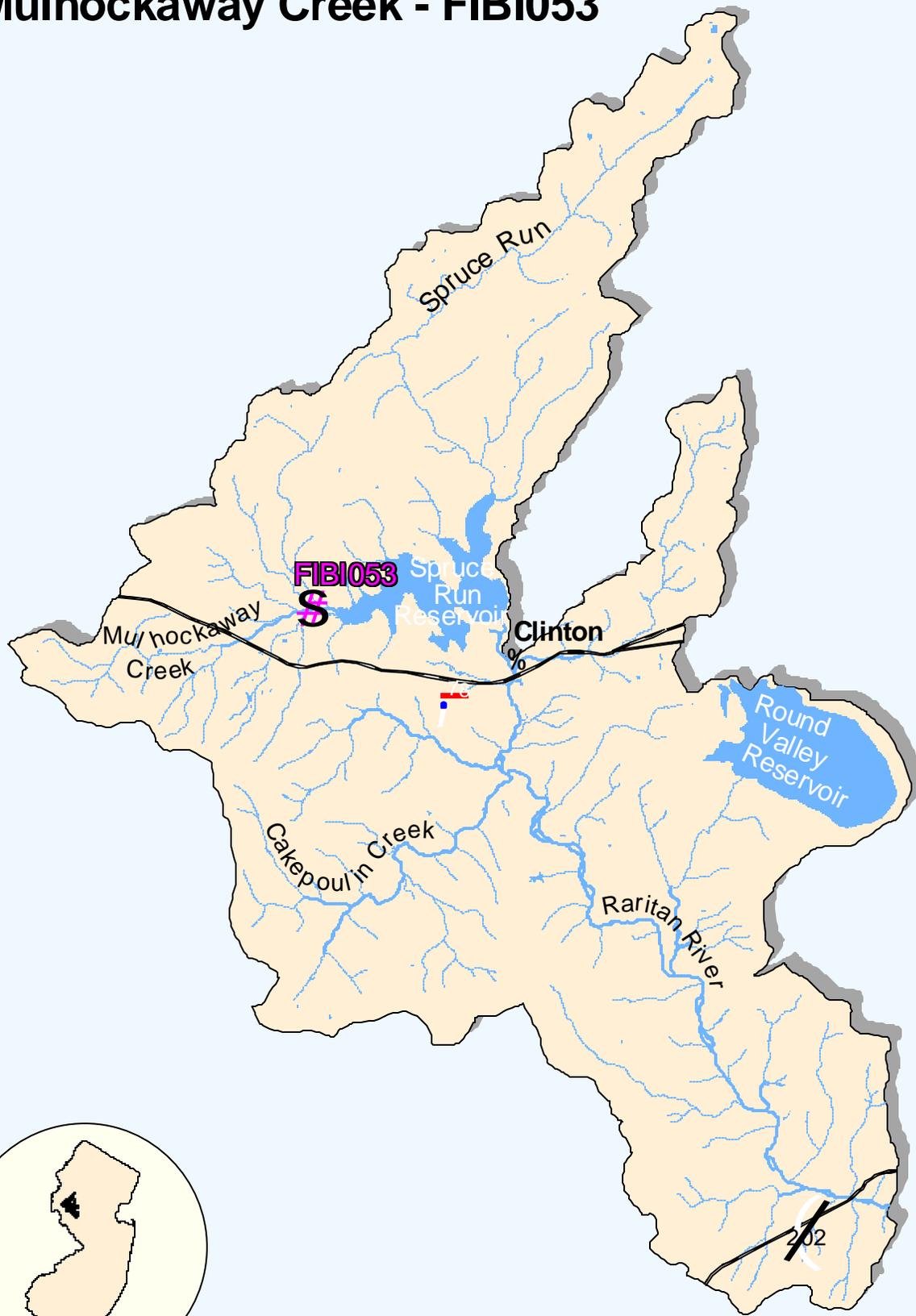
|  | Condition Category  |    |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|----|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Optimal   |    |    |    |    | Suboptimal   |    |    |    |    | Marginal  |   |   |   |   | Poor  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover</b>   | Greater than 70% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are <u>not</u> new fall and <u>not</u> transient). |    |    |    |    | 40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).                |    |    |    |    | 20-40% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.  |   |   |   |   | Less than 20% stable habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 17</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>2. Embeddedness</b>   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space   |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.  |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.   |   |   |   |   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 11</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>3. Velocity/Depth Regimes</b>   | All 4 velocity/depth regimes present (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast-deep, fast-shallow). (slow is <0.3 m/s, deep is >0.5 m)   |    |    |    |    | Only 3 of the 4 regimes present (if fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes).   |    |    |    |    | Only 2 of the 4 habitat regimes present (if fast-shallow or slow-shallow are missing, score low).   |   |   |   |   | Dominated by 1 velocity / depth regime (usually slow-deep).   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 16</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>4. Sediment Deposition</b>  | Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.   |    |    |    |    | Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5-30% (20-50% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools.   |    |    |    |    | Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% (50-80% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions, and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent. |   |   |   |   | Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development; more than 50% (80% for low-gradient) of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 11</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>5. Channel Flow Status</b>  | Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.   |    |    |    |    | Water fills >75% of the available channel; or <25% of channel substrate is exposed.  |    |    |    |    | Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.   |   |   |   |   | Very little water in channel and mostly present as standing pools.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 17</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>6. Channel Alteration</b>   | Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.   |    |    |    |    | Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization is not present.  |    |    |    |    | Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.  |   |   |   |   | Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted. In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)</b>  | Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important.            |    |    |    |    | Occurrence of riffles infrequent; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 7 to 15.  |    |    |    |    | Occasional riffle or bend; bottom contours provide some habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 15 to 25.   |   |   |   |   | Generally all flat water or shallow riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 14</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>8. Bank Stability (score each bank)</b><br>Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. | Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.  |    |    |    |    | Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.   |    |    |    |    | Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.  |   |   |   |   | Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60-100% of bank has erosional scars.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>3</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>3</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)</b>   | More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, understory shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.        |    |    |    |    | 70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining. |    |    |    |    | 50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.                                 |   |   |   |   | Less than 50% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height. |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>9</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)</b>                              | Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.   |   |   |   |   | Width of riparian zone <6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>9</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>5</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |

**HABITAT SCORE**

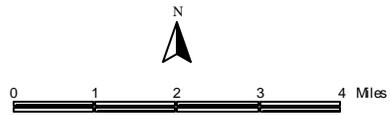
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| HABITAT SCORES     | VALUE            |
|--------------------|------------------|
| OPTIMAL            | 160 – 200        |
| <b>SUB-OPTIMAL</b> | <b>110 – 159</b> |
| MARGINAL           | 60 – 109         |
| POOR               | < 60             |

# Mulhockaway Creek - FIBI053



- S** FIBI Sampling Location
- Small Streams (1st and 2nd Order)
- Large Streams (3rd Order and Above)



FIBI053  
MULHOCKAWAY CREEK  
County Road 635  
Union Township, Hunterdon County

Van Syckles Rd.

CR 635



| LEGEND |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| #      | Start             |
| #      | Finish            |
| —      | Segment Sampled   |
| Ⓜ      | Direction of Flow |



# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## FIBI053 - Mulhockaway Creek



|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Stream Name:                              | Mulhockaway Creek   |
| 2. Sampling Date:                            | 08-01-2002  |
| 3. Sampling Location:                        | Route 635 (40 38 50.90; -74 58 07.68)                         |
| 4. Municipality:                             | Union Twp.  |
| 5. County:                                   | Hunterdon   |
| 6. Watershed Management Area:                | 8   |
| 7. Contributing Drainage Area:               | 11.8 Square Miles   |
| 8. Electrofishing Gear:                      | 2 Backpack  |
| 9. FIBI Score and Rating:                    | 46 - Excellent  |
| 10. Habitat Score and Rating:                | 141 - Suboptimal  |
| 11. Fishable Species Present:                | Yes   |
| 12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data |   |
| Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:  | AN0321  |
| AMNET Rating:                                | Round 1 – NONE; Round 2 – NONE                                |
| 13. Stream Chemistries                       |   |
| Dissolved Oxygen:                            | 8.6 mg/L  |
| Temperature:                                 | 20.3 °C   |
| pH:  | 7.68  |
| Conductivity:                                | 276 µmhos/cm  |
| 14. Number of Fish with Anomalies:           | 0   |
| 15. Length of Stream Segment Sampled:        | 150 Meters  |
| 16. Water Clarity:                           | Clear   |
| 17. Average Open Forest Canopy:              | 56.16%  |
| 18. Discharge:                               | NA ft. <sup>3</sup> /sec                                      |
| 19. Substrate:                               | 40% Gravel and Sand, 60% Cobble, 0% Boulder, 0% Clay, 0% Silt |
| 20. Habitat:                                 | 30% Riffle, 45% Run, 25% Pool                                 |
| 21. Snags:                                   | Yes   |
| 22. Periphyton:                              | Moderate  |
| 23. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:            | No  |
| 24. Other Observations:                      |   |
| 25. Number of Fish Species Identified:       | 15  |
| 26. Total Number of Fish Collected:          | 578   |

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# FIBI053 08-01-2002

Mulhockaway Creek

## LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND

| COMMON NAME       | SCIENTIFIC NAME               | # FOUND | SIZE RANGE<br>(INCHES) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Blacknose Dace    | <i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>  | 149     |                        |
| Brown Trout*      | <i>Salmo trutta</i>           | 127     | 2.4-12.8               |
| White Sucker*     | <i>Catostomus commersoni</i>  | 99      |                        |
| Longnose Dace     | <i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i> | 60      |                        |
| Largemouth Bass*  | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>  | 40      | 1.0-6.7                |
| Tesselated Darter | <i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>   | 30      |                        |
| Slimy Sculpin     | <i>Cottus cognatus</i>        | 23      |                        |
| Bluegill*         | <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>    | 16      |                        |
| Smallmouth Bass*  | <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>   | 15      | 2.2-6.7                |
| Brook Trout*      | <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>  | 7       | 6.5-9.4                |
| Pumpkinseed*      | <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>       | 4       | 3.1                    |
| American Eel*     | <i>Anguilla rostrata</i>      | 3       |                        |
| Brown Bullhead*   | <i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>     | 3       | 3.1-3.9                |
| Rainbow Trout*    | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>    | 1       | 9.8                    |
| Yellow Perch*     | <i>Perca flavescens</i>       | 1       |                        |

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**Species Identified at Mulhockaway Creek (FIBI053)**  
(Not to Scale)



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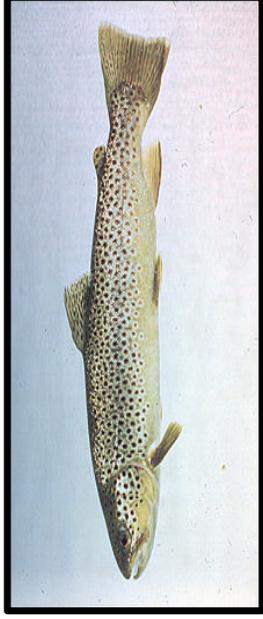
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**Tesselated Darter**



John Scarola

**Largemouth Bass**



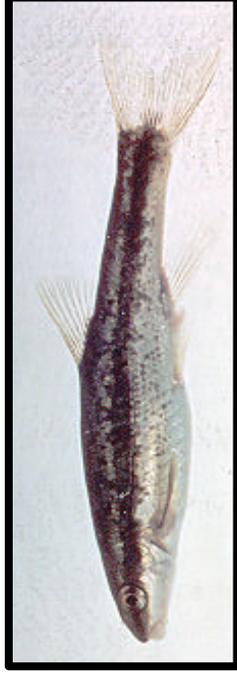
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**Pumpkinseed**



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**Brown Trout**



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**White Sucker**

**Blacknose Dace**

**Species Identified at Mulhockaway Creek (FIBI053)**  
(Not to Scale)



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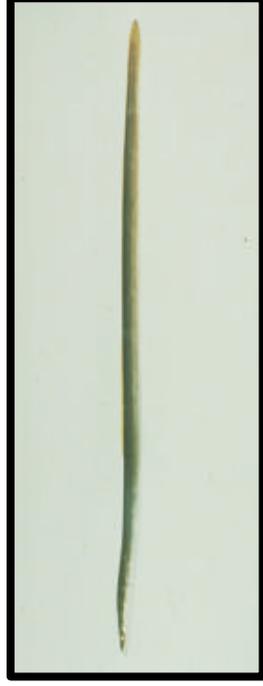
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**Bluegill**

**Longnose Dace**



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**Smallmouth Bass**

**American Eel**



John Scarola



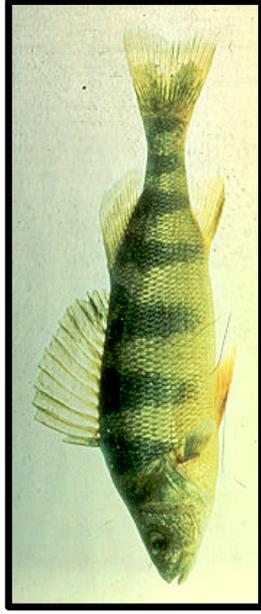
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**Rainbow Trout**

**Brook Trout**

**Species Identified at Mulhockaway Creek (FIBI053)**  
(Not to Scale)



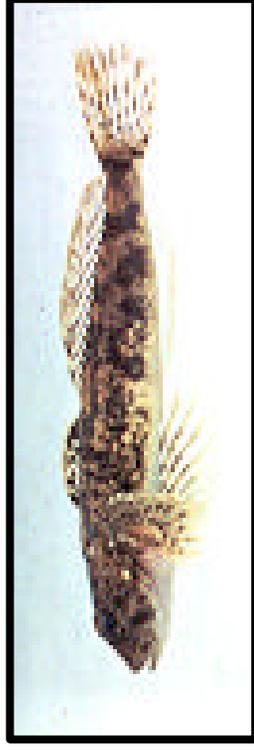
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**Yellow Perch**



John Scarola

**Brown Bullhead**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Slimy Sculpin**

**FIBI053 - Mulhockaway Creek @ Route 635**  
**Date Sampled - 8/01/2002**

**Excellent**    Good    Fair    Poor

|  | <b>Score</b> |
|--|--------------|
| # of Fish Species  | 5            |
| # of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI)  | 5            |
| # of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie)   | 5            |
| # of Intolerant Species (IS)   | 5            |
| Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers   | 3            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish)   | 5            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous <b>Cyprinids</b> (I and BI)   | 3            |
| Proportion of Individuals as Trout                      *whichever gives better score<br>OR<br>Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)* | 5            |
| Number of Individuals in Sample  | 5            |
| Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)  | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>46</b>    |

**Stream Rating**

- 45-50      Excellent**
- 37-44      Good**
- 29-36      Fair**
- 10-28      Poor**

# HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR *HIGH GRADIENT STREAMS* Mulhockaway Creek (FIBI053) – 8/1/02

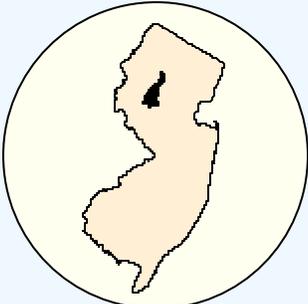
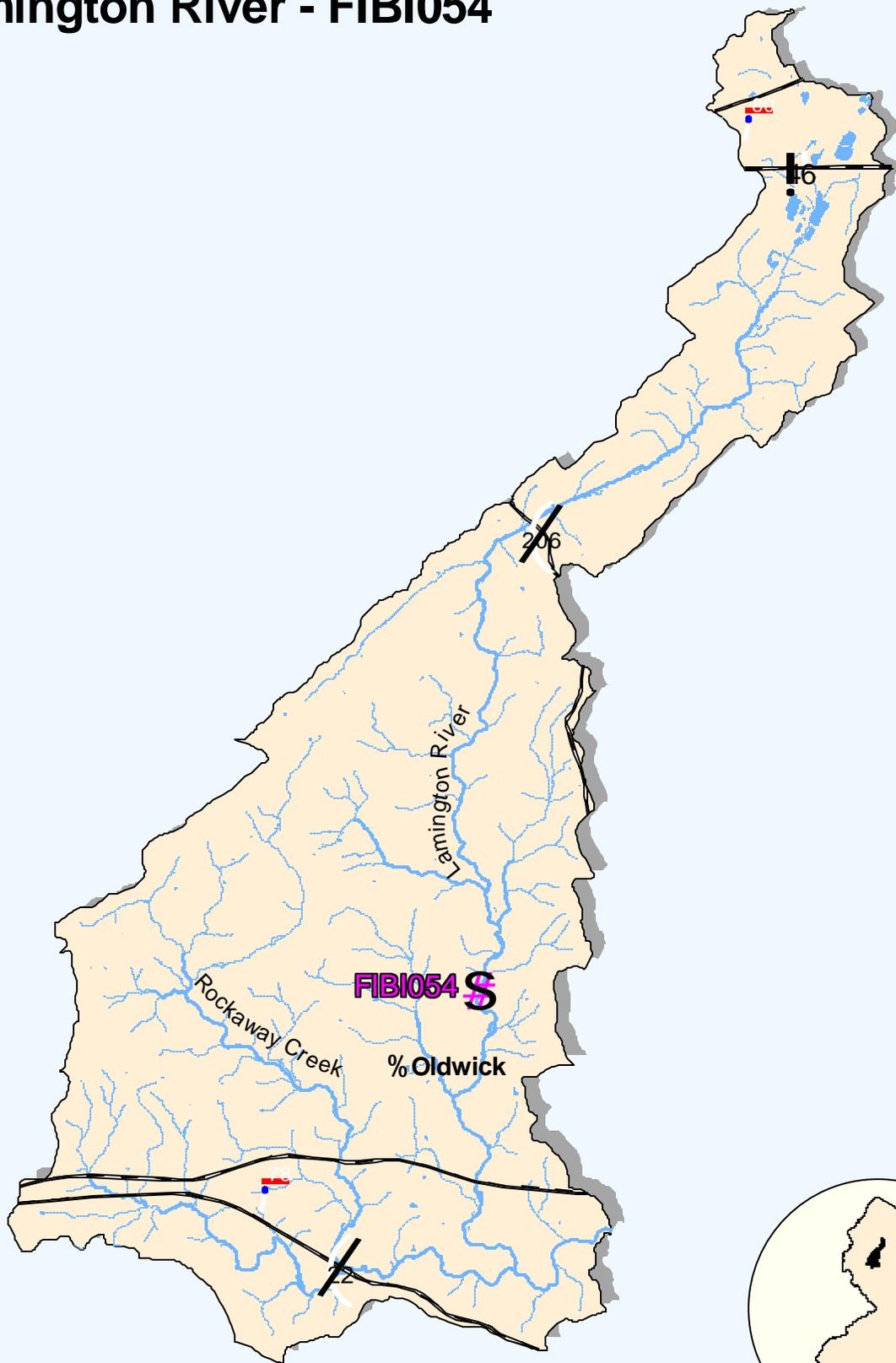
|  | Condition Category  |    |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|----|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Optimal   |    |    |    |    | Suboptimal   |    |    |    |    | Marginal  |   |   |   |   | Poor  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover</b>   | Greater than 70% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are <u>not</u> new fall and <u>not</u> transient). |    |    |    |    | 40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).                |    |    |    |    | 20-40% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.  |   |   |   |   | Less than 20% stable habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 16</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>2. Embeddedness</b>   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space   |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.  |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.   |   |   |   |   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 16</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>3. Velocity/Depth Regimes</b>   | All 4 velocity/depth regimes present (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast-deep, fast-shallow). (slow is <0.3 m/s, deep is >0.5 m)   |    |    |    |    | Only 3 of the 4 regimes present (if fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes).   |    |    |    |    | Only 2 of the 4 habitat regimes present (if fast-shallow or slow-shallow are missing, score low).   |   |   |   |   | Dominated by 1 velocity / depth regime (usually slow-deep).   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 15</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>4. Sediment Deposition</b>  | Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.   |    |    |    |    | Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5-30% (20-50% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools.   |    |    |    |    | Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% (50-80% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions, and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent. |   |   |   |   | Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development; more than 50% (80% for low-gradient) of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 14</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>5. Channel Flow Status</b>  | Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.   |    |    |    |    | Water fills >75% of the available channel; or <25% of channel substrate is exposed.  |    |    |    |    | Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.   |   |   |   |   | Very little water in channel and mostly present as standing pools.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 11</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>6. Channel Alteration</b>   | Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.   |    |    |    |    | Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization is not present.  |    |    |    |    | Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.  |   |   |   |   | Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted. In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)</b>  | Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important.            |    |    |    |    | Occurrence of riffles infrequent; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 7 to 15.  |    |    |    |    | Occasional riffle or bend; bottom contours provide some habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 15 to 25.   |   |   |   |   | Generally all flat water or shallow riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 15</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>8. Bank Stability (score each bank)</b><br>Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. | Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.  |    |    |    |    | Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.   |    |    |    |    | Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.  |   |   |   |   | Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60-100% of bank has erosional scars.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>5</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>5</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)</b>   | More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, under story shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.       |    |    |    |    | 70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining. |    |    |    |    | 50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.                                 |   |   |   |   | Less than 50% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height. |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>5</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>5</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)</b>                              | Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.   |   |   |   |   | Width of riparian zone <6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |

**HABITAT SCORE**

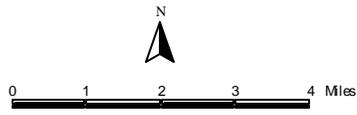
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| HABITAT SCORES | VALUE     |
|----------------|-----------|
| OPTIMAL        | 160 – 200 |
| SUB-OPTIMAL    | 110 – 159 |
| MARGINAL       | 60 – 109  |
| POOR           | < 60      |

# Lamington River - FIBI054



- S** FIBI Sampling Location
- Small Streams (1st and 2nd Order)
- Large Streams (3rd Order and Above)

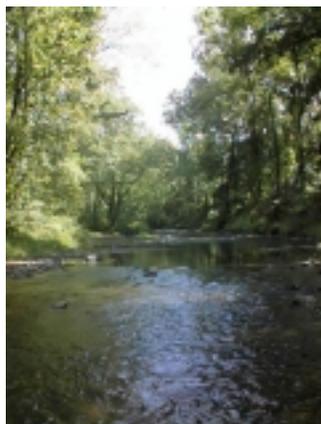


**FIB1054  
LAMINGTON RIVER  
McCann Mill Road  
Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County**



# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## FIBI054 - Lamington River



|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Stream Name:                              | Lamington River   |
| 2. Sampling Date:                            | 08-02-2002  |
| 3. Sampling Location:                        | McCann Mill Rd. (40 41 24.03; -74 43 21.86)                   |
| 4. Municipality:                             | Tewksbury Twp.  |
| 5. County:                                   | Hunterdon   |
| 6. Watershed Management Area:                | 8   |
| 7. Contributing Drainage Area:               | 32.5 Square Miles   |
| 8. Electrofishing Gear:                      | 2 Backpack  |
| 9. FIBI Score and Rating:                    | 40 - Good   |
| 10. Habitat Score and Rating:                | 175 - Optimal   |
| 11. Fishable Species Present:                | Yes   |
| 12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data |   |
| Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:  | 2.23 mi downstream AN0360                                     |
| AMNET Rating:                                | Round 1 – NONE; Round 2 – NONE                                |
| 13. Stream Chemistries                       |   |
| Dissolved Oxygen:                            | 8.09 mg/L   |
| Temperature:                                 | 23.6 °C   |
| pH:  | 7.67  |
| Conductivity:                                | 284 µmhos/cm  |
| 14. Number of Fish with Anomalies:           | 1   |
| 15. Length of Stream Segment Sampled:        | 150 Meters  |
| 16. Water Clarity:                           | Clear   |
| 17. Average Open Forest Canopy:              | 47.58%  |
| 18. Discharge:                               | 20.54 ft. <sup>3</sup> /sec                                   |
| 19. Substrate:                               | 20% Gravel and Sand, 75% Cobble, 5% Boulder, 0% Clay, 0% Silt |
| 20. Habitat:                                 | 40% Riffle, 40% Run, 30% Pool                                 |
| 21. Snags:                                   | Yes   |
| 22. Periphyton:                              | Moderate  |
| 23. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:            | Yes   |
| 24. Other observations:                      |   |
| 25. Number of Fish Species Identified:       | 17  |
| 26. Total Number of Fish Collected:          | 845   |

<sup>1</sup> AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality.

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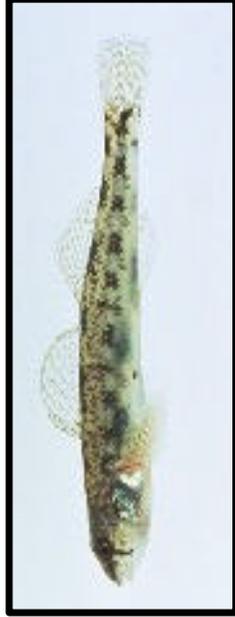
Lamington River

## LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND

| COMMON NAME            | SCIENTIFIC NAME                   | # FOUND | SIZE RANGE<br>(INCHES) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Blacknose Dace         | <i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>      | 195     |                        |
| Common Shiner          | <i>Luxilus cornutus</i>           | 148     |                        |
| White Sucker*          | <i>Catostomus commersoni</i>      | 117     |                        |
| Longnose Dace          | <i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>     | 112     |                        |
| Tesselated Darter      | <i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>       | 95      |                        |
| Satinfin Shiner        | <i>Cyprinella analostana</i>      | 46      |                        |
| Fallfish               | <i>Semotilus corporalis</i>       | 37      |                        |
| Spottail Shiner        | <i>Notropis hudsonius</i>         | 24      |                        |
| American Eel*          | <i>Anguilla rostrata</i>          | 22      |                        |
| Brown Trout*           | <i>Salmo trutta</i>               | 14      | 3.0-11.4               |
| Redbreast Sunfish*     | <i>Lepomis auritus</i>            | 13      | 2.2-5.3                |
| American Brook Lamprey | <i>Lampetra appendix</i>          | 8       |                        |
| Swallowtail Shiner     | <i>Notropis procne</i>            | 7       |                        |
| Redfin Pickerel*       | <i>Esox americanus americanus</i> | 3       | 4.3-4.7                |
| Creek Chub             | <i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>    | 2       |                        |
| Bluespotted Sunfish    | <i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>     | 1       |                        |
| Pumpkinseed*           | <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>           | 1       | 3.0                    |

\* Regulated as a fishable species under current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife codes

**Species Identified at Lamington River (FIBI054)**  
(Not to Scale)



John Scarola

**Tesselated Darter**



John Scarola

**Pumpkinseed**



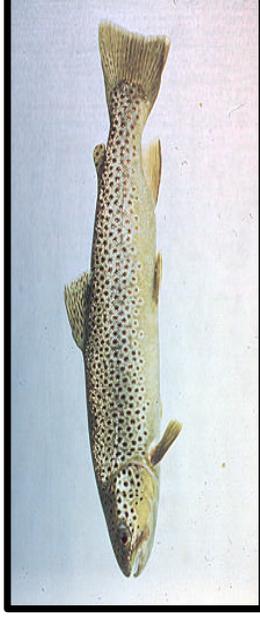
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**White Sucker**



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**Satinfin Shiner**



John Scarola

**Brown Trout**



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**Blacknose Dace**

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**Redbreast Sunfish**



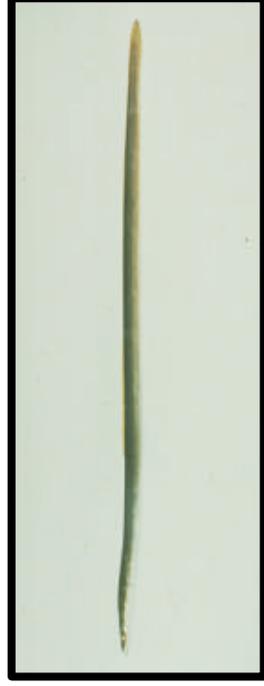
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**Longnose Dace**



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**Common Shiner**



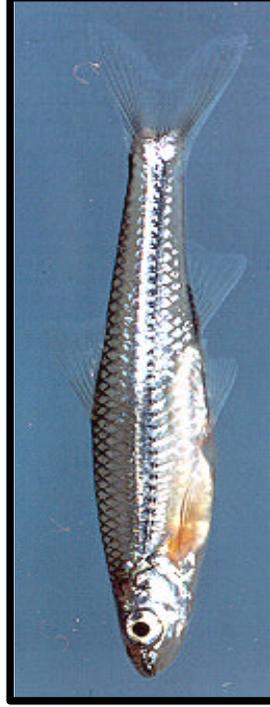
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**American Eel**



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**Creek Chub**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Swallowtail Shiner**

**Species Identified at Lamington River (FIBI054)**  
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Konrad Schmidt

**Spottail Shiner**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Redfin Pickerel**



John Scarola

**Fallfish**



Konrad Schmidt

**American Brook Lamprey**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Bluespotted Sunfish**

**FIBI054 - Lamington River @ McCann Hill Road**  
**Date Sampled - 8/02/2002**

Excellent **Good** Fair Poor

|  | <b>Score</b>                  |
|--|-------------------------------|
| # of Fish Species  | 5                             |
| # of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI)  | 5                             |
| # of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie)   | 3                             |
| # of Intolerant Species (IS)   | 3                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers   | 3                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish) | 5                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous <b>Cyprinids</b> (I and BI)   | 5                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Trout   | *whichever gives better score |
| OR   |                               |
| Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)*  | 1                             |
| Number of Individuals in Sample  | 5                             |
| Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)  | 5                             |
| Total  | <b>40</b>                     |

**Stream Rating**

- 45-50      Excellent**
- 37-44      Good**
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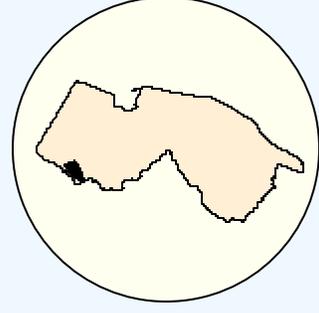
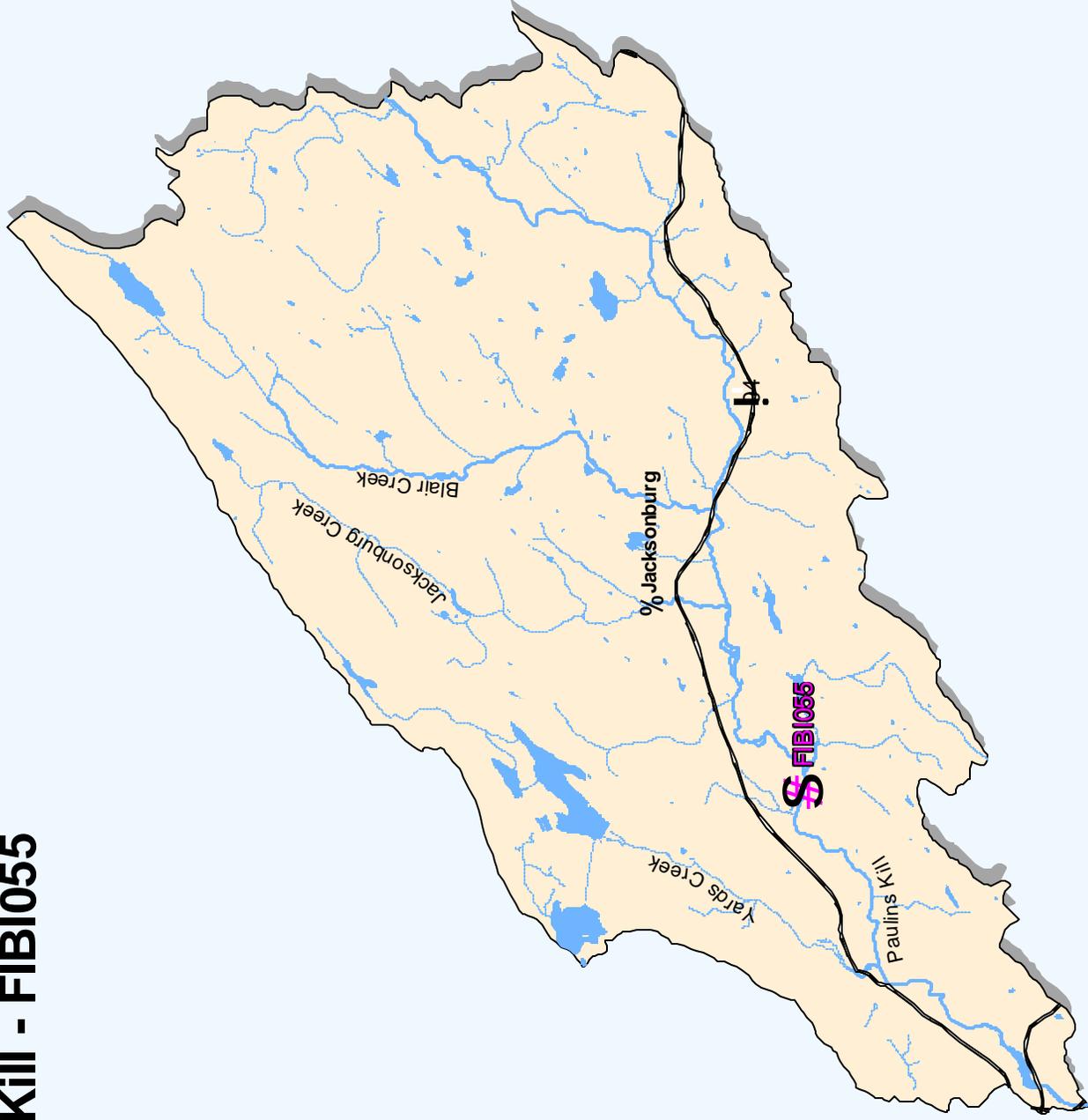
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|  | Optimal   |    |    |    |    | Suboptimal   |    |    |    |    | Marginal  |   |   |   |   | Poor  |   |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>SCORE 19</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>2. Embeddedness</b>   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space   |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.  |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.   |   |   |   |   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.  |   |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>SCORE 16</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>6. Channel Alteration</b>   | Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.   |    |    |    |    | Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization is not present.  |    |    |    |    | Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.  |   |   |   |   | Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted. In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.  |   |   |   |   |   |
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| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>8. Bank Stability</b> (score each bank)<br>Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. | Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.  |    |    |    |    | Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.   |    |    |    |    | Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.  |   |   |   |   | Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60-100% of bank has erosional scars.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>9. Bank Vegetative Protection</b> (score each bank)   | More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, under story shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.       |    |    |    |    | 70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining. |    |    |    |    | 50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.                                 |   |   |   |   | Less than 50% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height. |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>10</u> (LB)   | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>10</u> (RB)   | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width</b> (score each bank riparian zone)                              | Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.   |   |   |   |   | Width of riparian zone <6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>8</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>9</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |

**HABITAT SCORE**

175

| HABITAT SCORES | VALUE     |
|----------------|-----------|
| OPTIMAL        | 160 – 200 |
| SUB-OPTIMAL    | 110 – 159 |
| MARGINAL       | 60 – 109  |
| POOR           | < 60      |

# Paulins Kill - FIBI055



- S** FIBI Sampling Location
-  Small Streams (1st and 2nd Order)
-  Large Streams (3rd Order and Above)

**FIBI055  
PAULINS KILL  
Vail Road  
Blairstown Township, Warren County**

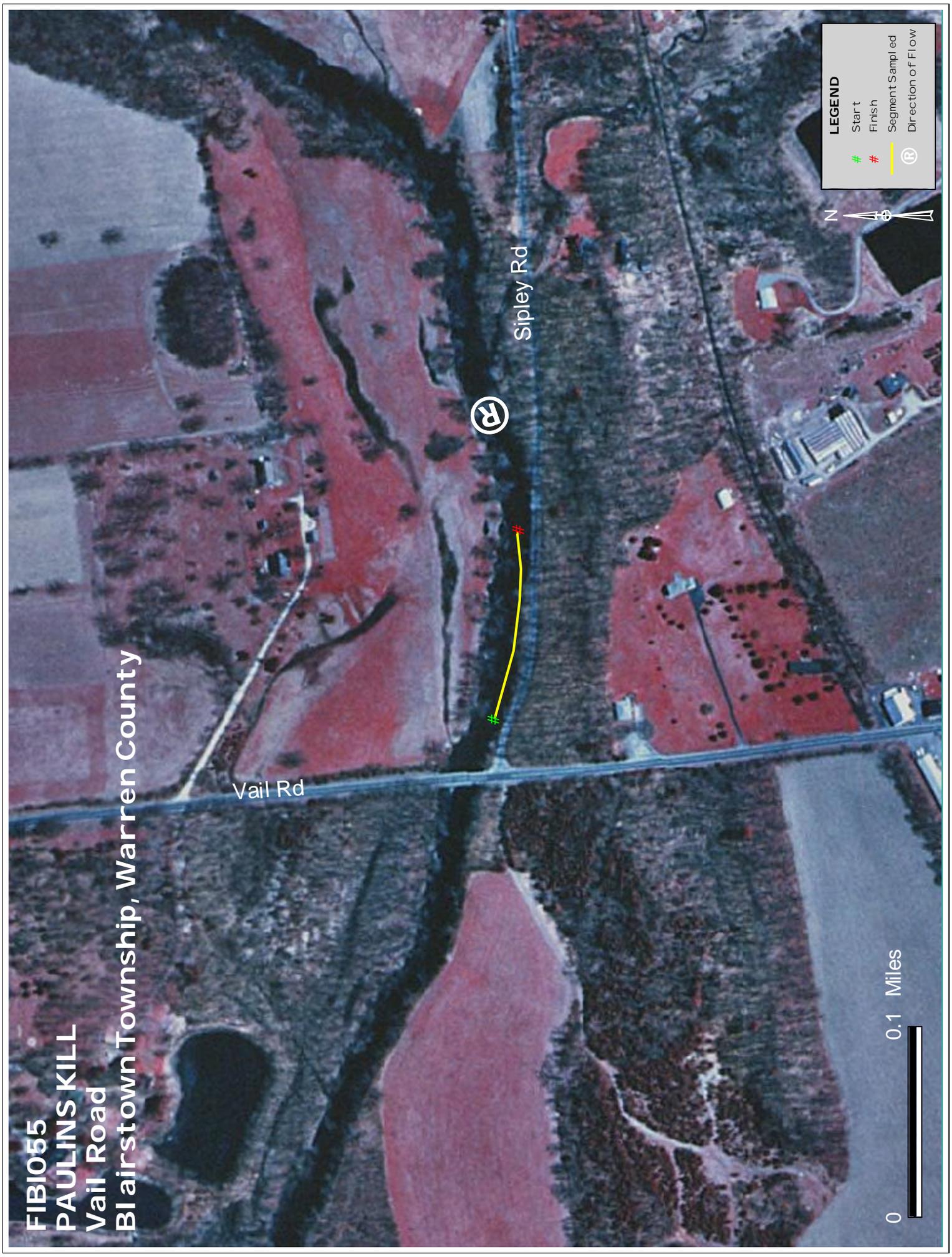
Vail Rd

Sipley Rd



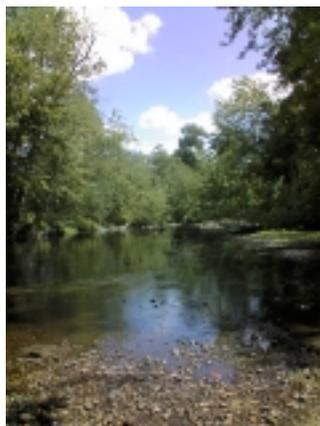
**LEGEND**

- # Start
- # Finish
- Segment Sampled
- Ⓜ Direction of Flow



# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

## FIBI055 - Paulins Kill



|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Stream Name:                              | Paulins Kill   |
| 2. Sampling Date:                            | 08-21-2002   |
| 3. Sampling Location:                        | Vail Rd (40 58 00.35; -75 01 13.63)                            |
| 4. Municipality:                             | Blairstown Twp.  |
| 5. County:                                   | Warren   |
| 6. Watershed Management Area:                | 1  |
| 7. Contributing Drainage Area:               | 160.8 Square Miles   |
| 8. Electrofishing Gear:                      | 2 Backpack   |
| 9. FIBI Score and Rating:                    | 42 - Good  |
| 10. Habitat Score and Rating:                | 156 - Suboptimal   |
| 11. Fishable Species Present:                | Yes  |
| 12. Relevant AMNET <sup>1</sup> Station Data |  |
| Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station:  | AN0032A  |
| AMNET Rating:                                | Round 1 – NA; Round 2 – NONE                                   |
| 13. Stream Chemistries                       |  |
| Dissolved Oxygen:                            | 9.38 mg/L  |
| Temperature:                                 | 22.4 °C  |
| pH:  | 8.77   |
| Conductivity:                                | 533 µmhos/cm   |
| 14. Number of Fish with Anomalies:           | 0  |
| 15. Length of Stream Segment Sampled:        | 150 Meters   |
| 16. Water Clarity:                           | Clear  |
| 17. Average Open Forest Canopy:              | 67.6%  |
| 18. Discharge:                               | 73.8 ft. <sup>3</sup> /sec                                     |
| 19. Substrate:                               | 35% Gravel and Sand, 45% Cobble, 15% Boulder, 5% Clay, 0% Silt |
| 20. Habitat:                                 | 15% Riffle, 70% Run, 15% Pool                                  |
| 21. Snags;                                   | Yes  |
| 22. Periphyton:                              | Slight   |
| 23. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:            | Yes  |
| 24. Other observations:                      |  |
| 25. Number of Fish Species Identified:       | 21   |
| 26. Total Number of Fish Collected:          | 199  |

<sup>1</sup> AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality

# FIBI055 08-21-2002

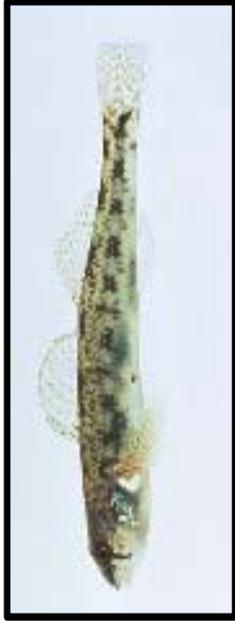
Paulins Kill

## LISTED IN ORDER OF ABUNDANCE FOUND

| COMMON NAME        | SCIENTIFIC NAME                | # FOUND | SIZE RANGE<br>(INCHES) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| White Sucker*      | <i>Catostomus commersoni</i>   | 32      |                        |
| Bluegill*          | <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>     | 29      | 1.6-5.1                |
| American Eel*      | <i>Anguilla rostrata</i>       | 18      |                        |
| Tesselated Darter  | <i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>    | 18      |                        |
| Redbreast Sunfish* | <i>Lepomis auritus</i>         | 17      | 1.4-6.9                |
| Rock Bass*         | <i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>   | 16      | 3.1-8.1                |
| Common Shiner      | <i>Luxilus cornutus</i>        | 13      |                        |
| Smallmouth Bass*   | <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>    | 10      | 2.2-7.5                |
| Cutlips Minnow     | <i>Exoglossum maxillingua</i>  | 9       |                        |
| Margined Madtom    | <i>Noturus insignis</i>        | 8       |                        |
| Largemouth Bass*   | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>   | 5       | 2.4-7.3                |
| Satinfin Shiner    | <i>Cyprinella analostana</i>   | 5       |                        |
| Longnose Dace      | <i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>  | 4       |                        |
| Shield Darter      | <i>Percina peltata</i>         | 4       |                        |
| Fallfish           | <i>Semotilus corporalis</i>    | 3       |                        |
| Banded Killifish   | <i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>      | 2       |                        |
| Blacknose Dace     | <i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>   | 2       |                        |
| Brown Trout*       | <i>Salmo trutta</i>            | 1       | 8.3                    |
| Chain Pickerel*    | <i>Esox niger</i>              | 1       | 5.3                    |
| Golden Shiner      | <i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i> | 1       |                        |
| Yellow Bullhead*   | <i>Ameiurus natalis</i>        | 1       | 1.6                    |

\* Regulated as a fishable species under current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife codes

**Species Identified at Paulins Kill (FIBI055)**  
(Not to Scale)



John Scarola

**Tesselated Darter**



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**Largemouth Bass**



John Scarola

**White Sucker**



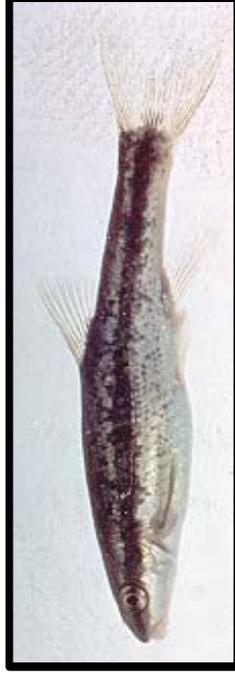
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**Satinfin Shiner**



John Scarola

**Brown Trout**



John Scarola

**Blacknose Dace**

**Species Identified at Paulins Kill (FIBI055)**  
(Not to Scale)



John Scarola



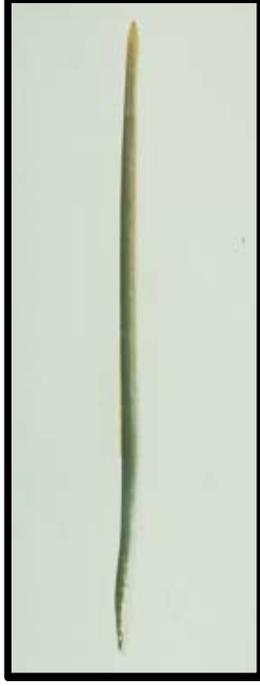
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**Redbreast Sunfish**



John Scarola

**Longnose Dace**



John Scarola

**Common Shiner**



John Scarola

**American Eel**



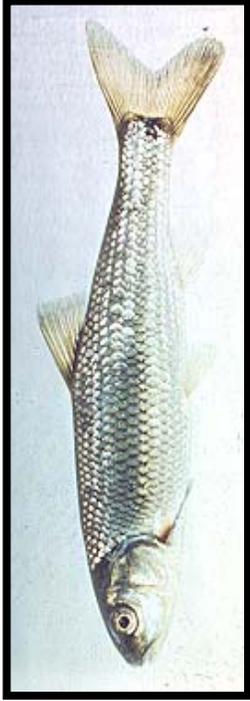
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**Bluegill**

**Smallmouth Bass**

**Species Identified at Paulins Kill (FIBI055)**

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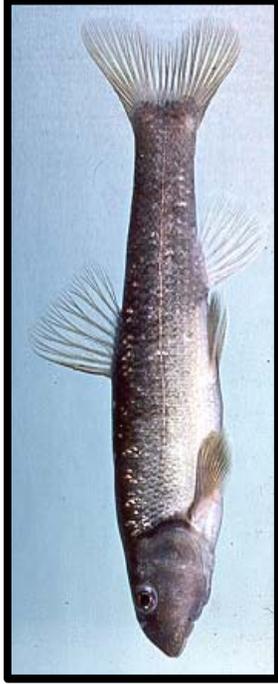
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**Fallfish**



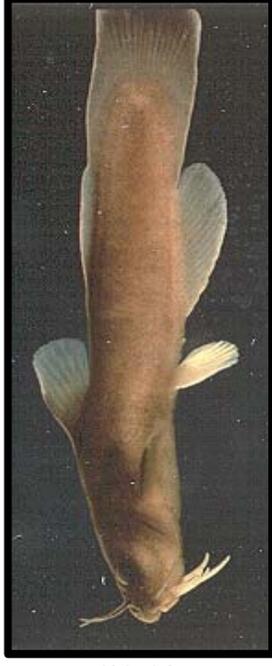
John Scarola

**Yellow Bullhead**



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Cutlips Minnow**



Schute

**Margined madtom**



John Scarola

**Rockbass**



John Scarola

**Golden Shiner**

**Species Identified at Paulins Kill (FIBI055)**  
(Not to Scale)



Jenkins & Burkhead

**Shield Darter**



John Scarola

**Chain Pickerel**



John Scarola

**Banded Killifish**

**FIBI055 - Paulins Kill @ Vail Road (off Route 94)**  
**Date Sampled - 8/21/2002**

Excellent **Good** Fair Poor

|  | <b>Score</b>                  |
|--|-------------------------------|
| # of Fish Species  | 5                             |
| # of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI)  | 5                             |
| # of Trout and Centrarchid Species (trout, bass, sunfish, crappie)   | 5                             |
| # of Intolerant Species (IS)   | 5                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as White Suckers   | 3                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Generalists (carp, creek chub, banded killifish, goldfish, fathead minnow, green sunfish) | 5                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous <b>Cyprinids</b> (I and BI)   | 1                             |
| Proportion of Individuals as Trout   | *whichever gives better score |
| OR   |                               |
| Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (Excluding American Eel)*  | 5                             |
| Number of Individuals in Sample  | 3                             |
| Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalies (excluding blackspot)  | 5                             |
| Total  | <b>42</b>                     |

**Stream Rating**

**45-50      Excellent**  
**37-44      Good**  
**29-36      Fair**  
**10-28      Poor**

|  | Condition Category  |    |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|----|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Optimal   |    |    |    |    | Suboptimal   |    |    |    |    | Marginal  |   |   |   |   | Poor  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover</b>   | Greater than 70% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are <u>not</u> new fall and <u>not</u> transient). |    |    |    |    | 40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).                |    |    |    |    | 20-40% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.  |   |   |   |   | Less than 20% stable habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>2. Embeddedness</b>   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space   |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.  |    |    |    |    | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.   |   |   |   |   | Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>3. Velocity/Depth Regimes</b>   | All 4 velocity/depth regimes present (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast-deep, fast-shallow). (slow is <0.3 m/s, deep is >0.5 m)   |    |    |    |    | Only 3 of the 4 regimes present (if fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes).   |    |    |    |    | Only 2 of the 4 habitat regimes present (if fast-shallow or slow-shallow are missing, score low).   |   |   |   |   | Dominated by 1 velocity / depth regime (usually slow-deep).   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 18</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>4. Sediment Deposition</b>  | Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.   |    |    |    |    | Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5-30% (20-50% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools.   |    |    |    |    | Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% (50-80% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions, and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent. |   |   |   |   | Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development; more than 50% (80% for low-gradient) of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 17</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>5. Channel Flow Status</b>  | Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.   |    |    |    |    | Water fills >75% of the available channel; or <25% of channel substrate is exposed.  |    |    |    |    | Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.   |   |   |   |   | Very little water in channel and mostly present as standing pools.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 13</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>6. Channel Alteration</b>   | Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.   |    |    |    |    | Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization is not present.  |    |    |    |    | Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.  |   |   |   |   | Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted. In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 19</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)</b>  | Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important.            |    |    |    |    | Occurrence of riffles infrequent; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 7 to 15.  |    |    |    |    | Occasional riffle or bend; bottom contours provide some habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 15 to 25.   |   |   |   |   | Generally all flat water or shallow riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>SCORE 14</b>  | 20  | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15   | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| <b>8. Bank Stability (score each bank)</b><br>Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream. | Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.  |    |    |    |    | Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.   |    |    |    |    | Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.  |   |   |   |   | Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60-100% of bank has erosional scars.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>7</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>6</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)</b>   | More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, understory shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.        |    |    |    |    | 70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining. |    |    |    |    | 50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.                                 |   |   |   |   | Less than 50% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height. |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>9</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>9</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| <b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)</b>                              | Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.   |    |    |    |    | Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.   |   |   |   |   | Width of riparian zone <6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>4</u> (LB)  | Left  | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |
| SCORE <u>4</u> (RB)  | Right   | 10 | 9  |    |    | 8  | 7  | 6  |    |    | 5   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 2   | 1 | 0 |   |   |   |

**HABITAT SCORE**

**156**

| HABITAT SCORES     | VALUE            |
|--------------------|------------------|
| OPTIMAL            | 160 – 200        |
| <b>SUB-OPTIMAL</b> | <b>110 – 159</b> |
| MARGINAL           | 60 – 109         |
| POOR               | < 60             |